

23 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Tashkent University Students in New York

1. The following information was submitted to AECASSOWARY/2 by M. T. (name on file in SR/CA/E) based on her meetings and short conversations with a delegation from Tashkent University visiting at Columbia University where she is a student. She was asked by school authorities to act as interpreter for the group. The time was November, exact dates not specified.

AKHMEDOV, Karim Sadykovich, Deputy Chariman for the Coordination of Scientific Research, Council of Ministers UZBEK Republic. Professor and Chairman, Department of Colloidal Chemistry, Tashkent University.

AZIMOV, Sadykh Azimovich, Dr. Physico-Mathematical Science and active member of the Academy of Science UZSSR.

Director of the Laboratory of Cosmic Radiation, Tashkent

SARYMSAKOV, Tashmukhamed Aliyevich, Dr. Physico-Mathematical Science, active member Academy of Science, UZSSR and Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education UZSSR.

ZAKHIDOV, Tisha Zakhidovich, Dr. Biological Science and active member Academy of Science UZSSR.

MURZINTSEV, Vladimir Iosifich - apparently not a scholar but probably secretary of the delegation.

- 2. All the delegates spoke Russian poorly. They revealed an almost childlike enchantment with the United States. They were anxious to see the City of New York, the more famous buildings and museums and showed no special interest in visiting Harlem. They did not criticize the capitalist system. They were grateful for even the smallest favor. They used all their money to buy gifts for their families and even skipped lunches in order to save the money for gifts to take home. In parting with M.T., AKHMEDOV and AZIMOV gave her two tubes of caviar and some cologne.
- 3. When AZIMOV noticed an icon of the Blessed Virgin in MIT.'s room, he made favorable comments about it and said that his parents were religious people. He inquired about the "standards of American youth."



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He said that he had been in New York with another delegation in 1960. He seemed to be in charge of the group.

- 4. AKHMEDOV was very much impressed with the skyscrapers in New York. He told M.T. that lectures in the University of Tashkent are given in both Russian and Uzbek. Most of the lectures in the higher classes are given in Russian.
- 5. MURZINTSEV spoke English fairly well. He said he did not know the Uzbek language and that he specializes in European languages.
- 6. SARYMSAKOV is interested in all things primative. He is especially interested in Indian arts. He and an American student at Columbia, Robert Barrett, attended a reception given by Professor Eirenburg (phonetic) of Columbia (professor of mathematics). Robert Barrett is a student of the Uzbek language.
- 7. On 18 November, M.T. met with AZIMOV and AKHMEDOV from
 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. There were two other students with them.

 Telman ZAKUPOV (Columbia University) and Tukhtamur ARBURASHIDOV

 (Brooklyn College). They went sightseeing and then went shopping
 (on Orchard Street and spent a couple hours in the store of Samuel

 Beckenstein, Inc., 130 Orchard Street, New York 2, New York

 (Gramercy 5-4525) (branches at 118 Orchard and 123-125 Orchard

 Street. Open 9 to 6:30 p.m. every day except Saturday.) They
 waited about 1½ hours to be served by Yasha (one of the clerks who
 was busy with other Russian-speaking customers when they arrived.)

 They purchased dress and suit yard goods, toys, etc. They bargained
 with Yasha, although he had told them that the firm allows a 50%
 discount for all Soviet customers. Yasha speaks Russian and is probably
 known to all tourists from the Soviet Union and waits on them when
 they come to the store.
 - 8. AKHMEDOV gave M.T. his address as follows: AKHMEDOV, Karim Sadykovich, UZSSR, Tashkent 64, 1st Pedagogichesky Per. 17.

who is Yasha?

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